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QUOTE

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JERUSALEM FOR THE SECRETARY

LONDON FOR MOYNIHAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PUBLIC
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE EXPLOSION OF A NUCLEAR DEVICE
ISSUED AT 1:35 PM INDIAN STANDARD TIME AND AS READ TO
US OVER THE TELEPHONE:

2. QUOTE: THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT CARRIED OUT A PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSION
EXPERIMENT USING AN IMPLOSION DEVICE. THE EXPLOSION WAS CARRIED
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OUT AT A DEPTH OF MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED METERS.

AS PART OF THE PROGRAM OF STUDY OF PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAD UNDERTAKEN A PROGRAM TO KEEP ITSELF ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS TECHNOLOGY, PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCE TO ITS USE IN THE FIELD OF MINING AND EARTHMOVING OPERATIONS.

THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, ALSO STATED THAT INDIA HAD NO INTENTION OF PRODUCING NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND REITERATED ITS STRONG OPPOSITION TO MILITARY USES OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. END QUOTE:

3. WE UNDERTAND THAT THERE WILL BE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THIS SUBJECT AT 5:00 PM THIS AFTERNOON, MAY 18. WE WILL TRANSMIT A SUMMARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER.SCHNEIDER UNQUOTE
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